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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 9-14, 18, and 22-28 without prejudice.

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1. (Amended) A method for preventing, inhibiting, delaying onset of or [otherwise] ameliorating the effects of an autoimmune disease in a mammal, said method comprising administering to said mammal an autoimmune-preventing effective amount of a species of *Coxiella* or one or more antigenic components therefrom [or analogous or homologous components thereof].

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3. (Amended) A method according to claim 2 wherein the autoimmune [condition] disease is insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM).

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15. (Amended) A therapeutic composition for use in preventing, inhibiting, delaying onset of or [otherwise] ameliorating the effects of an autoimmune disease in a mammal said composition comprising a species of *Coxiella* or one or more antigenic components therefrom [or analogous components thereof] and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and/or diluents.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 15-21 are pending in the instant application. Following a restriction requirement, claims 9 to 14 and 22 to 28 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 5 and 18 have been cancelled as have non-elected claims 9-14 and 22-28, without prejudice to